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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tahara et al (5,657,086).

Regarding claims 1 and 11, Tahara et al discloses an apparatus/method comprising:

means for performing an encoding information on a set of data representing a video frame as frame based-data and as field based data to generate arrays of frame based data and arrays of field based data (Fig. 13, elements 200, 201);

means for selecting either the frame based data or field based data based on the number of non-zero coefficients in the frame based data and the field based data (Fig. 13, element 255; abs.); and

means for converting an ordering of the arrays of selected data (58).

Regarding claims 2-3 and 12-13, Tahara et al discloses performing DCT (200, 201) and quantization (57) of results of the DCT operation.

Regarding claims 4 and 14, Tahara et al discloses means for comparing a macroblock of frame based data to a macroblock of field based data (abs.), and

means for selecting the macroblock of data having the fewer number of non-zero coefficients (the smallest quantity of data) (abs.; 255).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5-10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tahara et al (5,657,086) in view of Hall et al (5,737,020).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Tahara et al does not specifically disclose the ordering of the arrays of data coefficients comprising means for performing zig zag conversion wherein an 8 X 8 matrix having an original order being converted in to having a scanning order of a regular pattern from upper left to the bottom right.

However, a conventional MPEG generally allows two different orderings called zig-zag scan and alternate scan.

Furthermore, Hall et al teaches ordering of the arrays of data coefficients comprising means for performing zig zag conversion wherein an 8 X 8 matrix having an original order being converted in to having a scanning order of a regular pattern from upper left to the bottom right (Fig. 2).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the relevant art employing the apparatus/method as taught by Tahara et al to incorporate the zig zag scanning as taught by the Hall et al as an efficient way to encode or compress the transformed coefficients.

Regarding claim 6, Tahara et al discloses all of the claimed subject matter discussed above with the exception of an article of manufacture comprising a software performing all of the claimed subject matter.

However, a software program performing an encoding operation is well known in the art.

Furthermore, Hall et al teaches that encoding can be accomplished by hardware or by software (col. 4, lines 1-2).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the relevant art employing the apparatus/method as taught by Tahara et al to incorporate the software program as taught by the Hall et al as an efficient way to encode or compress the transformed coefficients, thereby significantly saving costs associated with the hardware.

Regarding claims claims 7-8, Tahara et al discloses performing DCT (200, 201) and quantization (57) of results of the DCT operation.

Regarding claim 9, Tahara et al discloses means for comparing a macroblock of frame based data to a macroblock of field based data (abs.), and

means for selecting the macroblock of data having the fewer number of non-zero coefficients (the smallest quantity of data) (abs.; 255).

Regarding claim 10, Hall et al teaches ordering of the arrays of data coefficients comprising means for performing zig zag conversion wherein an 8 X 8 matrix having an original order being converted in to having a scanning order of a regular pattern from upper left to the bottom right (Fig. 2).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

A) Kim (6,351,492), Method and apparatus for encoding a video signal.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawn S An whose telephone number is 703-305-0099. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex hours (10).

7. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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